

WAITING PERIOD AND PARENTAL NOTIFICATION BEFORE TERMINATION OF MINOR'S PREGNANCY.

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PROP
85

ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 85

DOCTORS AND NURSES, including the California Medical Association, the California Nurses Association, American Academy of Pediatrics-California District, California Academy of Family Physicians, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists-District IX California, STRONGLY OPPOSE PROPOSITION 85.

They understand that while PARENTS RIGHTFULLY WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN THEIR TEENAGERS' LIVES, *in the real world*, SOME California TEENAGERS COME FROM HOMES where they can't talk to their parents, *where there is violence*, or WHERE A FAMILY MEMBER HAS SEXUALLY ABUSED THEM.

THESE TEENS CAN'T GO TO THEIR PARENTS. They fear being kicked out of their homes, beaten, or worse. *Proposition 85 forces these teens to delay critical medical care or turn to self-induced or illegal back-alley abortions.* Some will go across the border; some will suffer serious injuries or even consider suicide.

PROPOSITION 85 PUTS THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF TEENAGERS AT RISK.

No law can mandate *good* family communication. *The real answer to teen pregnancy and abortion is strong, caring families and comprehensive sex education, including abstinence.* But sadly, not all California teens live in homes with strong, caring families.

For OUR MOST VULNERABLE TEENAGERS—*those who most need protection*—PROPOSITION 85 PUTS THEM IN HARM'S WAY OR FORCES THEM TO GO TO COURT.

FORCING A SCARED, PREGNANT TEENAGER who can't go to her parents INTO CALIFORNIA'S OVERCROWDED COURT SYSTEM WON'T WORK—AND COULD CAUSE TEENS MORE HARM. Courts are already backlogged, there's a lot of red tape, and they are hard to navigate, even for adults.

Think about it. The teen is scared, pregnant, her family might be abusive. SHE DOESN'T NEED A JUDGE. SHE NEEDS A COUNSELOR AND GOOD MEDICAL CARE—WITHOUT DELAY.

Proposition 85's new bureaucratic rules WON'T GUARANTEE that parents are notified. Who will sign for the mail? What happens when the mail is delayed, or the parents aren't home, or the teen intercepts the letter?

The real answer to teen pregnancy is prevention and caring families—NOT NEW LAWS THAT ENDANGER OUR DAUGHTERS.

AND PROPOSITION 85 IS NOT ABOUT PROTECTING TEENS FROM OLDER MEN AND SEXUAL PREDATORS. *Clinics already provide counseling about responsible behavior and report illegal activities.*

Proposition 85 won't reduce teen pregnancy rates, can't force families to communicate, is complicated and unworkable . . . and is not about predators—BUT IT *WILL* PUT GENERATIONS OF CALIFORNIA'S TEENAGERS AT RISK.

WE ALL MUST CARE *enough* about Proposition 85 to VOTE NO because DEFEATING Prop. 85 is about KEEPING OUR DAUGHTERS SAFE *and* PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE.

SUPPORTERS of Proposition 85—including the Traditional Values Coalition, Evangelicals for Social Action, and Right to Life of Central California—ARE THE SAME PEOPLE WHO WANT TO OVERTURN *ROE v. WADE* and BAN ALL ABORTIONS. Despite what they say, Proposition 85 ISN'T ABOUT PARENTAL RIGHTS; IT'S ABOUT *THEIR* POLITICAL AGENDA.

Join PARENTS, DOCTORS, NURSES, PLANNED PARENTHOOD, and THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA and VOTE NO on 85. For more information about REAL TEEN SAFETY, VISIT OUR WEBSITE, www.noon85.com. VOTE NO ON PROP. 85.

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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 85

When parents learn their daughter is pregnant, *ALMOST ALL RESPOND WITH LOVE AND SUPPORT.*

PROPOSITION 85 OFFERS CLEAR BENEFITS TO YOUNG GIRLS:

- The parent can assist her daughter in selecting a doctor. Many abortion clinics employ doctors who have been *disciplined by the medical board* for INCOMPETENCE, NEGLIGENCE, CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS, OR SEXUAL MISCONDUCT. Many have been *cited by health officials* for UNSAFE CONDITIONS.
- An informed parent can *respond quickly* to post-abortion complications. Abortion complications can result in permanent injury, even death. Teens who have *secret abortions* often *delay seeking treatment*. PARENTS WHO *DON'T KNOW, CAN'T HELP.*
- Parents who learn their daughters are *victims of sexual assaults* can *intervene to protect them*. Many abortion providers *CHOOSE NOT TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE, abandoning these girls* to FURTHER SEXUAL ABUSE. www.ChildPredators.com

In the rare case of familial abuse, a court will permit a minor to obtain an abortion without notifying a parent—then *notify child protective services* so she can be helped, *NOT*

LEFT VULNERABLE TO FURTHER HARM.

A parent of two young teenage daughters, GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER said it would be “. . . *THE ULTIMATE OF BEING OUTRAGED* . . .” if someone took *his* daughter for a *secret abortion*.

OVER THIRTY STATES already have laws like PROPOSITION 85, and THEIR EXPERIENCE SHOWS THESE LAWS *REDUCE MINORS' PREGNANCY AND ABORTION RATES WITHOUT DANGER AND HARM TO MINORS.*

Currently, the state *PAYS FOR SECRET ABORTIONS* FOR MINOR GIRLS. *PUT PARENTS IN CHARGE, NOT THE GOVERNMENT!*

VOTE “YES” on PROPOSITION 85! PROTECT OUR DAUGHTERS! See: www.YESon85.net

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